The Jihad of the Believers is Continuing

The Islamic State stated, in its official audio statements, videos, and other media releases, that, by the grace of Allah, it is on its way to advancement, and its jihad is continuing. These phrases are not mere slogans and empty words to fill its official statements. Rather, it is a firm belief that hardly changes. And there is ample religious evidence to emphasize it, and history also gives testimony to the same. The Holy Qur'an indicates the progress of jihad due to the existence of religious justifications, where Allah revealed that the kuffar will not cease to fight against Islam until the Day of Judgment. Allah said: "And they will not cease to fight against you until they turn you back from your faith if they can" (Al-Baqarah: 217).

The eternal war between Islam and kufr will continue, and the only religious form for manifesting this inevitable battle is the jihad for the sake of Allah. It can be also understood from the verses of the Qur'an, where Allah said: "Indeed, Allah has bought from the believers their souls and their properties, so that Paradise maybe for them. In this way, they fight in the path of Allah, so they kill, and they are killed" (At-Tawbah: 111). Therefore, this is a beneficial deal between Allah and His faithful servants. This transaction is done to grant them Paradise in exchange for killing and being killed in the way of Allah until the Day of Judgment.

The prophetic Hadiths also indicate the continuation of jihad. Imam Muslim narrated in his Sahih that the Prophet ﷺ said: "The one through whom Allah wants to do good in His religion gives him the jurisprudence of the religion, and a group of Muslims will constantly keep fighting for the truth until the Day of Resurrection and they will enjoy victory over their enemies." Consider how the Messenger of Allah ﷺ correlated jurisprudence of the religion and jihad! How correct this narration was! "No one understands the Qur'an like a mujahid, and no one understands the religion like a mujahid." The mujahidin are the most knowledgeable jurists, and it is enough for their jurisprudence that they have understood the religion. And about this matter, Imam Bukhari and Muslim recorded the narration by Urwa ibn Ja'd (may Allah be pleased with him) on the authority of Prophet ﷺ that: "Goodness is placed on the forelocks of horses and that is - reward and booty." Hafidh ibn Hajar mentioned in "Fath ul-Bari" regarding the explanation of this Hadith: "This Hadith gives glad tidings that Islam and Muslims will exist till the Day of Judgment, as jihad will be continuing and so will the mujahidin. Imam Nawawi mentioned in the explanation of this Hadith: "Ibn Jarud brought this Hadith in the chapter: 'Continuation of Jihad till the Day of Judgment' of "al-Muntaqi"."

And for this reason, the leaders of the Islamic State announce with firm determination that it will remain till the Day of Judgment, as jihad is the secret of its remaining, the jihad that involves the implementing of the Shari'ah, protecting the religion, supporting the faith, giving shelters to the Muslims, da'wah, befriending the Muslims, and keeping enmity with the kuffar. If we turn the pages of Islamic history, we will find many manifestations of the continuation of jihad, from the time of the Prophet ﷺ to the time of the Rashidin Khulafah, Tab'yin, Tab' Tab'yin, and so on. We can observe a series of jihadi formations and jihadi caravans in each era. Not a single period of Islamic history was deprived of jihad for the sake of Allah. Instead, jihad has been carried out under the leadership of every imam, no matter if he was a righteous one or an immoral one. If we look at the advancement of jihad in the modern time, we will see how the Islamic State in Iraq has been plagued by a lot of conspiracies and atrocities in their confrontations with the Crusaders, the murtadd Brotherhood, and the murtadd Rafidis as they formed coalitions against it, and conspired against it to the extent that the hearts of the mujahidin reached their throats. They plotted against the Islamic State and fought against it, but it was not long before the Islamic State got stronger and more determined than ever, and it continued the advancement of its jihad until it reached Sham. It broke the laws of the unbelievers and murtaddin and shattered their dreams of stopping the advancement of jihad. And after many years of patience and perseverance, it finally managed, by the success of Allah, to establish the religious obligation of the Khilafah, leaving behind all other so-called jihadi groups which not only lagged behind but also lost track in reality.

The Islamic State declared the Khilafah upon prophetic method. Accordingly, the Romans, Magus, the murtaddin, and the munafiqin took part in a disgraceful competition for overthrowing this blessed state, which revealed the true color of these factions and parties to the Islamic Ummah. These are the groups that preferred discord with the Islamic State, refused to accept it, fought against it, conspired against it, and made alliances with Shaytans against it! So Allah took revenge on all of them, as none of the groups that fought against the Khilafah remained. Rather, Allah punished them and did not let them achieve their goal. Many of them are extinct and no one even mentions their names, while some are divided into small groups that do nothing but spit at one another and kill each other. On the other hand, the Islamic State, by the grace of Allah, remained steadfast and consistent, clinging to the Book and the Sunnah, continuing its jihad under one Imam and with one Manhaj. At present, owing to its survival in the advancement of jihad, owing to its declaration of the Khilafah, and owing to the implementation of Shari'a, the Islamic State has been going through many hardships and tribulations. The Crusaders have formed international coalitions against them, in which all the pagan governments have been working openly and having the Jews behind them working secretly! They started a world war on the land of the Khilafah. And after losing the ability to confront the heroes of the Khilafah face to face, they started blindly bombarding the Khilafah-controlled territories. They could not make any tremendous progress without cowardly bombardment. Then they announced dozens of times "the end and disappearance of the Islamic State!" But it was not long before the Islamic State healed its wounds and renewed its jihad. After going through these hardships, the Islamic State spread its jihad from East Asia to Central Africa, West Africa, the Sahel, and many other areas, which are now like the bricks of the Khilafah palace and run at the behest of a single Imam. We saw the advancement of jihad shortly before in the Battle of Ghuwayran, how the lions of al-Baghouz participated and how they embraced the hot battlefield. Those are the people of al-Baghouz about whom the Crusader media would always say "they regret jihad," trying to whisper in the minds of Muslims and thwart the jihadi caravan. But Allah made all their efforts in vain and futile, and the lions of al-Baghouz performed such a feat in which they showed to the whole world that the passion, jihad, and stability of the believers are ever-continuing.

In this way, the mills of the Islamic State are turned, bringing good to the faithful generation and misfortune to the mushrikin everywhere and breaking their bones. It's a fantasy of the kuffar and murtadd about ending the advancement of jihad as they always spread the rumor that they have eliminated the frontlines of the mujahidin and the imaginary lines of the mujahidin have been divided into several groups! But soon, they laugh at themselves and pass the last words over! They say that the findings show that three, four, or five people are still left on the frontline! They try to deny their confession by saying: "The lines of the mujahidin have not dried up." And how can it be dried up whose foundations are the Qur'an and the Sunnah? The mujahidin are all people on the frontline. They are the best people of the Ummah, they are the guardians of the highest seat of the religion, their scholars are the best of the scholars, their fighters are the best of the fighters and their leaders are the best of the leaders. They are the first and foremost among the people in science, knowledge, action, da'wah, jihad, fighting, and martyrdom. We consider them as well, and Allah will judge them.

Jihad has made it necessary for all Muslims (mujahidin, supporters, or commoners) to be prepared to work for the advancement of it and take responsibility for it. Since it is necessary to renew one's intentions and purify the same for the sake of Allah, Muslims must renew, accelerate and expand their activities. They should advise each other in patience and truth. They should console each other through the verses of the Qur'an, Hadiths, and the rewards that Allah has prepared for those who follow this Holy path of the Prophets, because the one who knows the reward, all hardships will be easy for him. And surely Allah assists those who assist the religion of Allah. And all praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all creation.